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Paid-up Capital £2,437,500

II—Fire Funds 3,892,114

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Sinking Fund Account 83,513

£22,561,288

Revenue Fire Branch 2,567,156

Life and Annuity 1,973,289

Revenue Marine Department 262,692

Other Receipts 430,193

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## THE DIARY.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

2.15 p.m.—Landing Board Meeting in Council Chamber.

8.30 p.m.—Concert arranged by H. E. the Governor at the Sailors and Soldiers Home.

Entries close for Gymkhana on November 13.

## General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, Nov. 5:—2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

TUESDAY, Nov. 9:—Anniversary of birth of King Edward VII (1841).

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 10:—Public Holiday.

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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, November 2, 1915.

## POISON DANGERS IN TRADES.

The subject of dangerous trades and the care of the health of the operatives has frequently occupied the attention of the Legislature, with the result that many enactments are on the Statute-Book, and are more or less rigorously enforced. Some have been inclined to ridicule as unnecessary the minute precautions that have been recommended in certain trades, and on various grounds doubt has been expressed of the efficiency of the measures. The testimony, therefore, of an independent competent authority, who has examined the conditions that prevail in a trade unfavourable to health, should be welcome and conclusive. The evidence collected should either prove an encouragement in well-doing, or show the necessity for more stringent measures. Such an opportunity occurs in connection with a report on lead-poisoning in the manufacture of storage batteries of the Faure pattern, presented recently by Dr. Alice Hamilton to the United States Bureau of Labour Statistics. Of course, the inquiry has reference to the conditions that obtain in American workshops; but the author institutes a comparison between the health statistics of lead-workers in America and those of Germany and England. The particular trade is but a small branch of a large industry, and the number of workers engaged is comparatively few, making the percentages of evident poisoning to those in the cases of immunity somewhat insecure, but the healthier conditions in Europe are so marked that they cannot be explained away on the ground of insufficient numbers.

In Europe, Germany appears to have led the way in insisting on the need of precautions, for in 1898 the regulations were issued that are now in force. Previous to that date, in German factories lead-poisoning prevailed to the extent of 14 per cent. of the employed, a figure that was naturally regarded with some alarm. Statistics from a representative German factory are instructive. In 1897, when 189 operatives were employed in lead processes, 40 exhibited symptoms of lead-poisoning. In May in the following year regulations were made compulsory, and for the whole year 1898, out of 237 employed, only 18 suffered. In 1899, with preventive measures enforced the whole year, there were only nine cases to 316 workers. The numbers attacked by lead colic and other forms of the same disease have been steadily dropping since, and causes of plumbism now amount to only about 1 per cent. Our record at home falls below this standard, but is not unsatisfactory. In 1911, the approximate number of men employed in the manufacture of accumulators, which involved an exposure to lead, was 1140, and the number of cases of lead-poisoning reported amounted to 24, with one

fatality, or a percentage of 2.1. In the following year there was a slight increase both in the number of employees and of illnesses, the latter rising to 3 per cent.

Perhaps the point of greatest interest in these figures is the effectiveness with which the pernicious influence of lead fumes can be brought under control when systematic precautions are rigidly applied. In America, it is asserted that no new legislation is required. The laws are quite sufficient, but the enforcement is lacking. Doubtless more urgent measures will be applied in the United States, with the view to eliminate those workmen who are over susceptible to lead, to detect the early stages of the disease, and to insist on the men taking more care of themselves. For men are tempted by high wages to keep at work when manifestly unfit, and to return to work too soon after an attack. It is not unusual to find men showing strong symptoms of the effects of the lead after working at their trade for no longer than a month, and from carefully sifted instances, it is proved that six months' work was sufficient to poison more or less acutely five-sixths of the workers employed. The length of time a man remains incapable is as variable as the time necessary for inoculation, but three or four months is not unusual. In the absence of precautions, this branch of the lead trade would be in a melancholy condition, and the picture suggested adds a secondary, but vivid, interest.

## FUNERAL OF MR. G. A. CALDWELL.

The funeral of the late Mr. G. A. Caldwell, which took place at the old residents' cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening, was attended by Mr. G. H. Sayer, representing His Excellency the Governor, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Colonial Secretary, Messrs. T. F. Hough, S. H. Dodwell (Chairman of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company), H. P. White, B. W. Cradock, Col. Chapman, V.D., Major D. MacDonald, V.D., Captain Arthur, Captain G. P. Lammert, Messrs. H. W. Lockyer, A. Denison, M.S., Northcote, J. Robertson, John Lamberton, Duncan Clark, W. T. Patterson, C. Laferriere, J. Reid and K. E. Grier (Treasurer), J. W. Graham, H. Humphreys, G. Piercy, Morton Smith, W. C. Jack, T. A. Loughlin (Representing the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club), H. S. Stricker, A. Morris, J. Danby, F. C. Hall, B. N. Anderson, H. I. Jones, P. T. T. J. Hodge, F. Wright, Crowther Smith, and J. P. Deane.

An impressive service was conducted by the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, Chaplain of the Cathedral. The large number of wreaths, including tributes from the District Grand Lodge, the University Lodge, the Victoria Lodge, the Directors of the Dock Company, the clerical and technical staffs of the Dock, the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, and the Victoria Recreation Club, the superintendents of the China Navigation Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Harber and Hough.

## OPIUM ON A SAMPAN.

Three Chinamen were charged at the Police Court this morning before Mr. Hazell with being in unlawful possession of 95 taels of opium, valued at \$700, found concealed on board a sampan at Cheung Sha Wan by Chinese revenue officer 69. Messrs. Officer Macmillan presided. The opium was contained in a large number of small tins. The first defendant was fined \$5,000 or six months' hard labour, the other two men being discharged.

## MUZZLED OR UNMUZZLED.

Madame Gains was summoned at the Police Court this morning for allowing her dog to be at large without a muzzle. His Worship:—Is that correct? Madame Gains:—I do not know. I did not see the summons till a week after. I am sure the muzzle was on but whether he knocked it off or not I do not know. I think the police constable should have come up at once and pointed it out to me. I cannot tell you a week after whether the dog came in with the muzzle hanging round its neck or not. The muzzle was approved by the police because I brought the dog up to the police station.

## ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Messrs. Vernon and Smyth report "no change" in this afternoon's local share prices.

Mrs. E. Mickle and Miss V. Bickle, of Montpellier, Queen's Gardens, returned from the North to-day by the "Midnight Mail."

Mr. A. B. Crow, in the Summary Court this morning, said that he had been unable to get a certified translation of certain Chinese books. Mr. Justice Gompertz elicited that the Court were without a translator since the retirement of Mr. Wong Tai Kwong last week. The translations were admitted with the approval of the other side.

The first of a new series of Organ Recitals will be given in St. John's Cathedral at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, November 15, by Mr. Denman Fuller. The vocalist will be Miss Wilkes, a very fine young soprano, who has so far been heard but rarely in Hongkong. She will sing an extract from Staudel's "Jephtha" and the famous Mendelssohn aria "Hear ye Israel," which is well known as one of the highest solos in oratorio yet written. Miss Wilkes' singing created a most favourable impression in the performance of Spohr's oratorio "The Last Judgment," which was given here with much success on Good Friday last and her re-appearance will be looked forward to with great interest.

## A HUNGARIAN PRISONER'S COOL REQUEST.

The following is a copy of a postcard received by Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. from a Hungarian prisoner of war in a Russian camp near Vladivostok. It is truly pathetic in its impotence:—

Tuesday, October 10th, 1915.

Gentlemen, You kindly will excuse, if I take the liberty of addressing you. But, as I am married and father of two little children and besides, as my wife at home could not get my monthly pay until the end of last year and as she needs. Therefore I am writing you a letter to please to send me one money for herself pretty badly at present. I hope you will not take. I am sure if I apply to your kindness of sending me in a registered letter twenty Hungarian rubles; which amount I promise to send back to you pretty soon after my arrival at home. May occupation in that of an agricultural assistant on a large farm in Baji, Hungary.

Thanking you in advance most cordially for your help, I beg to remain most respectfully, your,

One year's volunteer, Hungarian prisoner of war. Headline near Vladivostok, Russian, Sibir. László K. K.

## A BOY'S SAD DEATH.

A supposed case of the murder of a young Chinese boy whose body was found on the hillside near the barracks at the Peak in July last is now thought to be a death from the effects of operations performed on the boy. From inquiries made by the police and a statement by the boy's father, it appears that shortly before he had undergone two operations. The last one, on the chest, had not properly healed, and at times the unfortunate youth had some unconscious and there was a discharge of blood. It is probable that this is what happened on the date in question, and the boy had expired through loss of blood and exposure.

## A MONEY LOAN ASSOCIATION.

## Another Action.

There was another money-loan association case before the Police Court this morning, the Sui Hing Co., 83 Jervois Street, suing Cheong Hing Shan and Leung Cheung Pak, traders, 103 Queen's Road, for the plaintiff, said his client was head of a Money Loan Association of which the first defendant was "drawn member." He was, being sued for the non-payment of instalments, eleven and thirteen, for \$100. The claim against the second man was as guarantor. When the Association was formed, the arrangement was that drawn members on receiving the money they drew should furnish a guarantor and the second defendant did in fact when the Association's book the day after the money had been paid over on the assurance of the principal debtor. The arrangement was subsequently altered; it was a sine qua non that it should be left to the discretion of the head of the Association as to whether or not a guarantor would have to be furnished. Mr. Agassiz thought that was sufficient to support a counter-claim.

Mr. Crow said he did not dispute that the guarantor signed, but whether the guarantee was valid or not he did not say. There were thirteen members in the Association, said Mr. Agassiz, and the seventh and final instalment was never paid. His counter-claim the defence said a year later that the money had been paid to Mr. Agassiz, according to account, but the accountant, who was in Canton, said he never received the money.

Mr. Crow said he would argue that the Association was unlawful under the meaning of the Society's Ordinance. He would also dispute the claimant's fact. The plaintiff said the accountant mentioned left the firm because he stole a quantity of human hair, a commodity in which the plaintiff dealt.

## BIG FIRE AT KENNEDY TOWN.

## ESTIMATED DAMAGE, \$50,000.

Damage estimated at \$50,000 was done by a big fire in the early hours of this morning at Kennedy Town, totally destroying four Chinese-owned wood stores and their contents. No lives were lost, and as far as present can be ascertained.

The four wood yards, which adjoined one another, occupied an island site at the junction of Smithfield and Belcher Street, just before the Kennedy Town tram terminus. The first report the police had was that the Standard Oil Company's kerosene godowns, some little distance away on the waterfront, were afire, but such was not the case.

The first real alarm and information was received at No. 5 Station from Crown Street District, where houses on the hillside overlook the sheds. Three engine drivers, Edwards, Rattison, and Fowler, were quickly on the scene, and the fire, in charge of Foreman Clarke, left at 1.00 and arrived at 1.15, making a terrific hole in the sheds. The fire was highly diverting, and the flames had also caught hold of the front of a block of new houses on one side, and of the scaffolding and window sashes of a three-story building on the other side of the street.

Very fortunately there was very little wind, else the consequences might easily have been more serious. The district abounds in godowns, and huge stocks of kerosene are housed only a couple of streets away.

After the fire had been got under control between 6.0 and 7.0 this morning, operations were left in charge of a relief squad under Sergeant Pitt, working in conjunction with the fire boat.

The site at noon to-day was a desolation of charred beams and twisted iron, with streams of dirty water flowing, and the ground smouldering in many places, as it will smoulder for many days to come. Beyond two small brick structures and the blank wall at the back, the site has been swept clear of walls and debris. The firemen were still working at noon.

A large crowd gathered to watch the fire, and the reflections in the sky could be seen all over the Colony. It was one of the biggest local fires for many years. As an amusing incident occurred shortly before noon to-day. The eight horses from the fire boat were laid across the tramway track, interrupting the passage of vehicles, and the efforts of the drivers of three high trucks to lift the horses right up over the top of the fire. The fire broke out first in the Wing Shing Chua wood yard, owned by Kuo Yu Ching and spread first to the Kong Yuen yard, occupied by Leung On, and then rapidly to the Hung Lo and Hop Keng yards, respectively by Li Chak Han and Leung Chak. The cause of the fire is unknown at present. The damage is estimated at \$50,000 and the property was insured in various companies for \$74,500.

Mr. Fraser was found unconscious on the site of the fire, having apparently been overcome by the heat. He recovered shortly afterwards and was sent home by the police.

## SEVERAL EUROPEANS WERE AMONG THE CROWD WATCHING THE FIRE IN THE EARLY HOURS.

## ALLEGED INFERIOR MORTAR.

Four summonses taken out at the instance of the Public Works Department against Chinese contractors for using inferior mortar were mentioned in Mr. Lindell's court this morning, and a second case was mentioned by Mr. Lindell as an appeal from a recent decision in which a Chinese contractor was fined for using inferior mortar in work at the Hongkong University Hospital.

## AN INDIAN LANCE-SERGEANT CONVICTED.

Sardar Singh, an Indian lance-sergeant in the Hong Kong Police, was charged on remand this morning before Mr. Lindell with the theft of 20 cents worth of onions from the Canton wharf near the Harbour Office, and also with violation of his duty. He was fined \$500 on the latter charge, and on the former, mentioned that defendant had been 25 years in Government Service. It will be remembered that on the 22nd ult., defendant pleaded guilty to the charge. On that occasion Inspector Watt, in giving evidence, said that Singh had been on duty at a wharf in the early morning and was seen by coolies, sent to take away vegetables from the "Kin Shan," to pull out a handle of vegetables and walk away with it.

## THE PANAMA CANAL.

## Official Announcement.

The American Consul General has received information from the Department of State that the continued movements of sliding material in the Panama Canal have made it impossible to predict the approximate date of the canal's reopening. Shipping interests are therefore warned that it is impossible to route ships by the canal until further notice will be given as soon as the material is removed sufficiently to insure stable conditions.

It is also notified that ships waiting at the canal will be permitted to transfer freight across the Isthmus by rail, at the rate of \$3.00 per ton, all charges included, and that if the ships turn back, tolls not covered under the Treasury will be levied. For the transfer of freight and other matters shipping interests should make arrangements directly with the canal until further notice will be given as soon as the material is removed sufficiently to insure stable conditions.

## SHROFFS AND SURETIES.

## CLAIM BY THE CHARTERED BANK.

## Interesting Singapore Case.

There was delivered in the Singapore Supreme Court this morning, (says the "Strait Times") of Oct. 20, by the Chief Justice (the Hon. Mr. J. A. S. Bockhill, K.C.), a judgment of considerable interest to those concerned with banking and business affairs of the city, extracts from which are here given.

The action was brought by the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China against Seow Chit Lin, for many years employed by them as compradore, or head cashier or shroff, and Khoo Young Tin and Chee Seng Cheong, who together with the first defendant entered into a bond, dated March 24, 1914, in the sum of \$20,000, and under which the second and third defendants became sureties for the first defendant faithfully and honestly performing all his duties as shroff or to be required of him. The bond was a fiduciary bond of the usual type and it was common ground that if the first defendant was guilty of any misconduct or default, the second and third defendants must indemnify the plaintiffs against all losses. The plaintiffs were claiming under this bond and alleged that Seow Chit Lin failed to perform his duties properly and committed certain acts whereby plaintiffs suffered damages exceeding \$20,000, which sum they claimed. The first defendant put in a defence denying that he had done anything wrong, but this was eventually struck out. The defence of the other two defendants were substantially identical and need not now be differentiated.

## SAY'S REV. FOR SHROFFS.

## The case for the plaintiffs said his Lordship might be explained in the following fashion:—

As it is well known in the Far East the reason why it is usual for European banks and other firms to utilise Chinese compradores is because with them it is practically impossible to get into and keep in touch with Chinese business people. These compradores are to be trusted almost implicitly and make a business of introducing to them; they introduce Chinese business and are often personally responsible for losses and for the financial stability of the customers. Amongst other duties of the first defendant was, according to the evidence of Mr. Morrison and Mr. Potter, both of whom were at different material times managers of the plaintiff bank, to enter into contracts locally on behalf of the bank with Chinese firms or individuals to deliver dollars in Hongkong or Shanghai to such customers in order and, possibly, also to enter into similar contracts in respect of other places. In the ordinary course of routine business it was required that the first defendant should submit each contract to the manager of the bank for approval and when approved, a form of memorandum had to be given by first defendant to the manager. In this case the plaintiffs alleged that between April 23 and June 19, 1914, the first defendant purported in the ordinary course of his duties to enter into no less than thirteen such contracts to deliver in Hongkong or Shanghai currency aggregating over \$20,000, but plaintiffs alleged that all these were bogus contracts into which defendant never entered at all.

The judgment went on to explain how the bank alleged they had refuted in following their regular business practice in dealing with such contracts and pointed out that they alleged they covered the position as it showed itself inclusive of the commitments apparently incurred in the thirteen contracts, with the result that when it was discovered these contracts were non-existent, but bogus funds vastly in excess of those required to meet the real liabilities of the bank were on hand, in Hongkong and Shanghai. This sum, the plaintiffs alleged, was the price of silver had dropped this disposal was necessarily attended by a considerable loss which plaintiffs placed at over \$22,000, an amount exceeding the total sum to all second and third defendants' answer to this was, firstly, that there was no proof the contracts were bogus and, secondly, that even if they were fictitious the damages made up in the way in which they were were too remote and were in no way the direct and natural consequence of the first defendant's acts of misconduct.

## BOGUS CONTRACTS.

With regard to the thirteen contracts, the plaintiff called members and managers of the firms concerned, who denied that any such contracts had been entered into. So conclusive did this evidence appear that towards the end of the case it was not seriously suggested that any, with the exception of those, had not been proved to be bogus, and even in those cases there was enough evidence to justify the conclusion that these three contracts might be regarded as being in the same category as the other ten.

The judgment, a lengthy one, then proceeded to deal with the position of the second and third defendants, and outlined the nature of the case and the claim, which was one made by a principal upon his agent and his agent's sureties. His Lordship said that he could find no doubt in the evidence of Mr. Morrison and Mr. Peter that the ordinary routine and natural practice of business of the bank necessitated the covering of transients. But it was argued for the defence, that even if such a practice was necessary, it was carried out merely for the convenience of the bank and was in no sense obligatory. He could not himself adopt such a view as he considered that it was a practical corollary upon an obligation undertaken here to deliver money in other places than the bank, under which a obligation should naturally and, indeed, necessarily, provide the funds with which to meet such commitments. His Lordship went into further reasons why he came to the conclusion that the plaintiff's contention that they were in fact covering the commitments undertaken by them on these bogus contracts and that such covering was the necessary and regular consequence of such bogus contracts and, therefore, of the misrepresentation which induced the bank to enter into them, was correct. The plaintiff said that, with the fall in the price of silver, they could only sell their surplus or bullion at a considerable loss, but the defendants contended that the loss mentioned in the way of the first defendant to form legal damages between a principal and agent.

## ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN.

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## SPORTING.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

## HONGKONG LEAGUE.

League football will be commenced on Saturday, when the following matches will take place:—

DIVISION I.

R.E. v. Shrophshire L.L. (Naval Ground), 4.30 p.m.

Club v. Navy (Club Ground), 4.30 p.m.

DIVISION II.

83rd Company R.A.C. v. Shrophshire L.L. (Military Ground), 3 p.m.

Kowloon Dock Juniors v. St. Joseph's College (Club Ground), 3 p.m.

Staff and Departmentals v. Belcher's (Naval Ground), 3 p.m.

On Wednesday, the 10th, the following Second Division matches will be played:—

University v. Diocesan School (Club Ground), 3.30 p.m.

83rd Company v. Lani Lio G. (Military Ground), 4.10 p.m.

A meeting of the Referee's Board will precede the League meeting on Wednesday, and a date will be selected for an examination of candidates.

## GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

The first and second rounds of the Championship were played over the Fan Ling course on Sunday, and some very close and exciting matches were witnessed. The following is a summary of the results:—

## FIRST ROUND.

Mr. B. E. Lindell beat Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson at the 18th hole.

## SECOND ROUND.

Mr. R. F. Lindell beat Mr. E. Davidson by 3 and 4.

Mr. A. H. Crow beat Mr. C. D. Martyn by 4 and 3.

Mr. C. C. Hutchison beat Mr. R. D. Kraft by 1 up.

Capt. C. Campbell beat Dr. T. Lindsay Woods by 4 and 3.

Mr. T. S. Furest beat Mr. A. Ritchie by 3 and 1.

Mr. C. W. Hill beat Mr. R. A. Brand by 1 up.

Mr. K. Brayshaw beat Mr. G. S. Arbust at the 20th hole.

The third round and semi-final will be played next Sunday, and the Final of 16 holes on Sunday, the 14th inst.

## EUROPE KILLING HERSELF.

## America Pictured as Waiting Her At Deathbed.

That Europe, by prolonging the world war, is committing suicide and making the United States the greatest world power, is the view taken by Professor Simmel, authority on international politics in an article in the Berlin Tagblatt.

"America stands nearly as the waiting heir at the deathbed of a rich testator," he writes. "Someday America will be the direct indication of this attitude. Europe sends not a small part of its fortune to America, and the equivalent which it receives is blown into the air, or rather it uses for the better execution of its suicide to hasten the execution of a man to the world's throne. The sending of ammunition is not only a commercial enterprise for the enrichment of some purveyors. It is the first great practical impulse with which America hopes to accelerate the western turn of the hand of world history. It is a masterpiece of world-historical speculation. In Europe, insane that it commits this last-kari!"

## BALANCE WITH THE ALLIES.

In an article dealing with the general situation of the belligerents, the Tribune puts forward the hypothesis that the war may not necessarily be decided by military means exclusively, and that a conference will be summoned before one group of Powers has really crushed the other. The Tribune observes that this eventually has been anticipated by the German press, who, however, consider that their claim can be made to prevail at any such conference, in view of the security they hold in the form of occupied territory—Belgium, Poland, part of France, etc.—according to this, the Allies are to be the territories belonging to the Entente Powers, and their Allies now in possession of the enemy are of much less value, as compared with the security in another form held by Germany's advantages. For example, the suspension of German commerce alone represents, according to the calculations made by the Tribune, no less a sum than 2,680,000,000. The complete paralysis of German shipping means another gigantic loss. It is held by the Tribune that the suspension of the possession of the Allies are of greater value than the areas occupied by the enemy, and apart from the items just referred to, there are also the German colonies taken by various British expeditions. The writer maintains that it is Germany to come to terms with the Allies, for the sake of avoiding an economic catastrophe, than it is for the Allies to re-occupy their temporarily lost possessions. In a word, the writer asserts, with the side which holds the more reliable plagues, which will eventually dictate the terms of peace, and the Allied Powers are now in this fortunate position.

His Lordship said that he had come to the conclusion the defendant's contention must fail. The loss, he considered, was one for which the bank could properly claim, because it was a natural loss directly accruing as the result of the misrepresentation made by the first defendant to the plaintiffs. Summarizing his conclusions, he found that the plaintiffs had proved to his satisfaction that by a false representation made by first defendant they were induced to enter into the thirteen contracts, and that as a natural consequence they purchased cover to meet the liabilities; that when it was discovered that these contracts were bogus, the price of the cover had fallen and plaintiffs were involved in loss which was the direct result of the first defendant's original misrepresentation; that this loss had been substantially accurately represented and that the plaintiffs were entitled to recover the full amount of the bond.

His Lordship gave credit to the plaintiffs and granted the applications of Mr. O. L. Carver, for the second defendant, and Sir E. E. Mills for the third, for a stay of execution pending an appeal.



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BY TELEGRAPH.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

THE MANCHU ROYAL FAMILY.

PEKING, Nov. 1.

The Government has ordered the Provincial authorities to notify that the regulations with regard to the Manchu Royal family are unchanged.

REGULATIONS FOR MAGISTRATES.

The Government intend to put into effect regulations punishing Magistrates for allowing prisoners to escape from jail.

The Council General of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul desire to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of \$5 from Mr. E. J. Noronha's friend, as a donation to the Society's fund.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

JOINED.

Sapper J. E. Hansen joined the Corps 1.11.15, and was posted to Engineer Co.

MUSKETRY, TRAINED MEN, PART I.

Musketry, Trained Men's Course, Part I, will be carried out at King's Park Range as follows:—

Saturday, 6th inst., 2.30 p.m.—Right Section M.G. Co.

Sunday, 7th inst., 9.30 a.m.—Left Section M.G. Co.

Corpl. Grimes, R.E., will attend N.C.O.s of the Right and Left Sections M.G. Co. will assist him. Uniform (drill order) to be worn. Sergeant-Majors Witchesell and Biden will attend at the Orderly Room not later than Saturday morning, 6th inst., to obtain the names of the men who have to fire the Course. The Senior Officer of N.C.O. in charge of the Range is to check the ammunition both before and after firing.

PROMOTIONS.

Private C. F. Chaves, Signalling Section, to be Lance-Corporal, dated 1.11.15.  
Private A. Young, Signalling Section, to be Lance-Corporal, dated 1.11.15.

PARADES.

Parades for Wednesday, 2nd inst.:—  
5.15 p.m. Signalling Section—Signalling practice at Headquarters.

5.30 p.m. Recruits of Engineer Co.—Musketry and Rifle exercises at Taikee Dockyard, under Sergt. Everest.

SANITARY BOARD.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

The Sanitary Board met this afternoon. There were present: Mr. D. W. Trantman presiding, the Vice-Chairman, the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, Dr. Fitzwilliams, Col. Crisp, R.A.M.C., Ng Hon Tze, Chan Kai Ming and Mr. W. Bowen-Rolands (Secretary).

ACCIDENT TO MEDICAL OFFICER.

The Chairman regretted the absence of the Medical Officer of Health, whom he said was injured in the fire this morning. He would be laid up for a couple of days with bruises.

Dr. Fitzwilliams said he hoped Dr. Rearse was not seriously injured.

The Chairman: Oh, no, simply bruises.

THE WATER CARRIAGE SYSTEM.

Several members "minuted" objections to permission to erect three water closets and one urinal at Beaconsfield, Battery Path.

The Chairman said the applicants in their old premises in Caine Road had water supplied from the mains and the old premises would be pulled down. A water carriage system was highly desirable for premises of that description.

The Hon. Mr. Hewett dwelt on the original provision of flushing from the mains and said that in spite of all extra money spent the shortage of water was still with them, because the Government had made a mistake in allowing too many water closets connected with the mains. There was no reason why the mistake should continue. He knew the reverend fathers very well and he knew them to be cute business men and he paid them a compliment when he said that water closets should be granted on the condition that there was an independent and adequate water supply. Some few months ago a scribbler in one of the local papers asked him to state his objection to such a system when he had water closets in his own office. That was a ridiculous question. In the year of grace 1877, when his Company was forced to sell out their property for the building of the Central Market the Government gave them in part payment fully equipped offices containing water closets. He said that because he hoped no contemptuous scribbler would want him to give a further explanation. The Company sold their old premises at a price which they considered to be very much below market value. But still that had nothing to do with the question. Because water closets had been given to some people in a mistaken policy that was no reason why such a policy should continue.

Mr. Chan Kai Ming agreed saying it was a pity that water should be drawn from the mains for flushing purposes. The Board must reject all applications unless there was an independent water supply system.

on the Government could maintain a constant water supply system throughout the war.

Dr. Fitzwilliams said he agreed the water should not be withdrawn from the mains and he hoped the plan of which Mr. Chan Kai Ming had spoken would stick very hard in the side of the Government in stimulating for a remedy and in producing more water. The Tytam supply had been found to be inadequate for a long time and it had been hung up by the action of the Government.

The Hon. Mr. Chatham said that on the contrary the work at Tytam had not been hung up but was in very active progress. Some portion of the saving was due to the non arrival of new engines from England on account of the war.

The application was granted on the condition that an adequate and independent water supply be provided.

The Chairman moved the Board's approval for permission to erect an additional water closet at the Helena Way Institute. Dr. Fitzwilliams seconded and it was agreed.

A MONEY LOAN ASSOCIATION.

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The case resolved itself into a question of law. Mr. Crew arguing that the plaintiff Association was illegal, and that the guarantee was not valid. Had the guarantor refused next day to sign the plaintiff could not have compelled him to do so.

His Lordship intimated that he did not think that a binding agreement had been proved. He pointed out that it was not the Association that was suing but an individual.

Mr. Crew said no person of an illegal association could claim. He went on to quote the Society's Ordinance which included a club, company, partnership or association of 10 or more persons whatever its nature or object.

His Lordship: That is a pretty wide net.

Mr. Agarwal asked that the Society's schedule had registered to safeguard themselves but it was arguable that it was not necessary to apply for exception.

His Lordship observed it could be held that the Grand Lodge of the East Free Masons could be illegal and that persons like the Chief Justice and the Colonial Secretary were members of an illegal society.

Mr. Crew said that the Golf Club, the Hongkong Club, and the L.R.C. were exempt.

Glancing down the schedule, His Lordship remarked that the only real dangerous Society he saw was the Royal Orangemen! (Laughter).

The case was adjourned for the consideration of his Lordship.

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

## THE WAR.

## DETAILS OF THE BIG ADVANCE ON THE WEST FRONT.

## DESPATCH FROM SIR JOHN FRENCH.

## SCATHING REFUTATION OF RIDICULOUS GERMAN ASSERTIONS.

## DETAILS OF THE BIG ADVANCE.

## DESPATCH FROM FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

Field Marshal Sir John French, in a despatch dated October 15, reviews the operations since his last despatch, dwelling principally on the British advance in the region of Loos. Nevertheless, he says, the British Army were constantly engaged during the whole period in enterprises having considerable influence on the course of events. The big advance was due to the brilliancy and dash of the First and Fourth Corps. The positions stormed on September 25 were exceptionally strong, extending 6,500 yards, and including works of great strength, wire works, trenches and some veritable caves, thirty feet below the ground, upon which the enemy had spent months of labour.

The Field Marshal gives the total number of prisoners as 57 officers and 3,000 men. Twenty-six field guns, 49 machine guns, and 3 Minenwerfer were among the booty. He deeply regrets our heavy casualties. But, he adds, in view of the great strength of our position and the stubborn defence of the enemy and his powerful artillery, he does not think them excessive. He is happy to say that the proportion of slightly wounded is very large. He pays tributes to the work of the British artillery, pointing out that the Germans had hoped that we would be unable to build up efficient artillery for a very large expansion of our Army. "The Germans," says Sir John, "had now good reason to know to the contrary. The efficiency of the artillery of the new armies had exceeded all expectations and the Territorial artillery had also rendered excellent services."

Sir John French, in describing the recent British great advance, says: "The attack was admirably delivered and in little more than an hour Loos was occupied. The Fifteenth Division advanced so vigorously that they actually got within a mile eastward of Hill 70. Strong reserves appeared at one in the afternoon, but we had secured a very substantial gain at Loos and on the western portion of Hill 70. One brigade on the outskirts of Hulluch in a brilliant advance, although their right flank was dangerously exposed, was largely instrumental in capturing five hundred Germans, who had been holding up another brigade. The Seventh Division rapidly reached the quarries and the Twenty-sixth Brigade secured Fosse No. 8."

Field Marshal Sir John French speaks of close accord and co-operation with General Joffre and constant meetings whereby they were kept informed of General Joffre's views and intentions, the latter explaining his successive methods whereby he hoped to attain his ultimate object. Thus after full discussion of the military situation a decision was reached for joint action. "The Field Marshal then gives a detailed technical account of the great battle southward of La Bassée. He emphasises that all the other attacks from the North Sea, where Admiral Bacon was rendering valuable assistance by bombarding Zeebrugge and Ostend, to a point where the British and French forces joined, were of the nature of subsidiary attacks with the object of distracting the enemy's attention. The British played a prominent part in these subsidiary operations, which were most successful; perhaps, indeed, they drew the enemy's reserves from the main attack. The Flying Corps also did valuable work by blowing up the railway. The Field Marshal points out that the notable tactical points of the front main attack were Fosse No. 8, southward of Auchy, the Hohenzollern redoubt, the Quarries, Hulluch, Loos and Hill 70. The British were to co-operate with the Tenth French Army but in view of the great length of line along which the British were co-operating, the Guards Corps and two other divisions were held in reserve while the British cavalry corps and the Indian cavalry were held in readiness to co-operate with the French cavalry in exploiting any success which might attain. The distance between the British and German trenches varied from a hundred to five hundred yards."

The British at half past six in the morning advanced over open country overgrown with long grass and self-sown crops. They were successful all along the line except just southward of La Bassée Canal where the Germans met the advance by wild infantry of slight infantry. But the gunfire being accurate he caused considerable casualties. The London Territorial Division acquitted itself most creditably and was skillfully led. The Scottish Division of the new army assaulted Loos and Hill 70.

The Field Marshal also praises the work of the engineers and the Flying Corps and affirms that owing to the Germans having repeated the use of asphyxiating gases we have been compelled to resort to similar methods. A detachment, organized for this purpose, participated in the operations on September 25 and although the enemy had known and were prepared for such reprisals, our gas attack was a marked success and produced a demoralising effect on the opposing units. The British detachment, adds Sir John, carried out their unfamiliar duties during a heavy bombardment with conspicuous gallantry and I feel confident of their ability to more than hold their own should the enemy again resort to this method of warfare."

## BY TELEGRAPH.

## A RIDICULOUS GERMAN ASSERTION REFUTED.

The Rt. Hon. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, interviewed by a correspondent of the *Chicago Daily News*, refuted the ridiculous German assertion that Britain was nearly bankrupt. Industrial disputes, he said, had never been lower since the last twenty years and the men had shown themselves heart and soul with the war. Germany's artificial financial policy means nothing short of a total absorption of the whole German wealth in war loans. Great Britain could have followed the same system, but preferred straightforward methods. We were not obliged to prohibit the export of gold and we were prepared to meet our liabilities on a free gold basis. London was still the world's free gold market and any Englishman can convert notes into gold at the Bank of England and buy bullion without hindrance. Bank of England notes were covered by gold to the extent of two hundred per centum, while German notes were covered by about forty-three per centum. If Germany had not refused to pay gold, she would have come to a financial standstill long since. Neutral countries, continued Mr. Runciman, should note that German marks in New York were at a discount of 14 1/2 per centum, and the reason that the pound sterling is at a discount of five per centum is because we bought more goods than there is exchange for. Mr. Runciman concluded: "British credit is built on the firm rock of profitable production. We are paying enormous sums out of new taxation towards the war whereas Germany dare not increase her taxation."

## HIS MAJESTY'S HEALTH.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

The Press Bureau announces that the improvement in His Majesty's health continues, and that he had a better night.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## THE BALKAN EMBROGLIO.

## UNDERSTANDING ON THE PROBLEM.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

The Times says that General Joffre came to London to discuss the Balkan problem. A complete and definite understanding regarding military policy was reached, including that of keeping in the forefront the necessity for giving rapid help to Serbia.

## SERBIANS CONFIDENT.

"Will fight to the last man."

PARIS, Nov. 1.

The Serbian Minister has made a statement that Serbia is assured of the effective co-operation of the Allies, and that the Serbian Army will fight to the last man. The commanders are very confident of the result, despite the efforts of the enemy in attacking on three fronts.

(Havas Service.)

## BRITISH JOIN SERBIANS.

The British troops, starting for the Serbian front, have effected a junction with the Serbians.

## GERMANS EVACUATE KOVEL.

The Russians have occupied Kovel, and the Germans have evacuated Kovel.

## FRANCE AND THE JAPANESE NOTE.

PEKING, Nov. 1.

The French Minister would probably also have associated himself, as did the British and Russian Ministers, with the Japanese Note Verbal to the Chinese Government, but his instructions were delayed.

Meanwhile the election of the representatives to decide the Monarchical question is proceeding, and has already been completed in a number of Provinces.

## PLOT TO WRECK JAPANESE ARSENALS.

TOKYO, Nov. 1.

The police have discovered a plot to wreck arsenals, munition works and a number of other places in Japan.

## OBITUARY.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

The death is announced of Sir Charles Tupper, the former Canadian Premier.

The death is also announced of Colonel Denne, who captured Arabi Pasha.

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## NEW BRITISH GENERAL STAFF.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

The Daily News says that the Government has completed the creation of a new General Staff in London to supervise the prosecution of the war in the various fields of operations. The new War Council of the Cabinet will confer with the General Staff.

## MACAO NEWS.

(From Our Correspondent.)

THE GARDEN FETE.

Macao, Nov. 1.

Under the personal direction of Lady Meia, the Governor's wife, a bazaar was held in the Public Garden at the East-end of Praya Grande on the evening of the 29th and 31st inst. The bazaar, as before, was in answer to an appeal by the 14th Cross Society to assist the wounded British soldiers from the front.

There was a large and varied display of useful and ornamental articles, kindly presented by Chinese and Portuguese Ladies, most of whom were present to assist her Ladyship. The Garden was prettily illuminated and a band played selected items. There were a great many visitors on Saturday but, owing to rain on Sunday, the success was somewhat lessened. Nevertheless a very handsome sum is believed to have been collected, and the Fete is considered to have been a great success in every respect.

## ANOTHER AEROPLANE FOR THE MALAYAN AIR SQUADRON.

Mr. Manasseh Meyer, says the Straits Times, has given the sum of £2,500 sterling to purchase a 100-Horse Power Vickers-Gordon Anzani Engine. The aeroplane for the Malayan Air Squadron. It will be named the Manasseh Meyer, "just" as Mr. Meyer humorously puts it "to let the enemy see that though the Anglied form of my name has a German sound, I am heart and soul with the British cause."

This is the first "fighter" aeroplane contributed by Malaya, the others being the best type of "spotter" craft. The "Manasseh Meyer" will be No. 8 of the Malayan Air Squadron, kindly presented by Mr. Meyer. Mr. Meyer—heartily congratulations to Mr. Alma Baker on the growing success of his efforts.

## HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

PARADE, NOV. 1, 3.30 P.M.

Nov. 2nd—No. 1 Company and Recruits. Nov. 3rd—No. 2 Company. Nov. 4th—Parade of N. C. Officers. Nov. 5th—No. 3 Company and Recruits. Also Recruits of No. 1 Co. PATROLS. Central, Eastern, and Water Police—As ordered. LEAVE ETC. The Chief Inspector has reported for duty. Inspector J. M. Wong has six weeks' leave as from Nov. 5th. JONES. Mok Lai Sang, Chan Sai Fak, Le Shai Cheong to No. 3 Company. Leung Kam Tong and Lo Kian Ying to the Ambulance Division. H. P. Pearson to 1st Platoon, No. 1 Company. A. L. Penning and E. H. Bunje to 2nd Platoon, No. 1 Company. WINTER UNIFORM. Platoon Commanders are made responsible for seeing that their men are measured for and properly fitted with winter uniforms. O. C. Companies will report as soon as all their men are equipped. (Sgd.) F. C. JENKIN, D. S. P. (Reserve).

## THE YAST ANTIQUITY OF THE EARTH.

In the Geological section of the British Association's session, Sir E. Rutherford opened a discussion on radioactive problems in geology. While Kelvin, arguing from the rate of cooling of the earth, deduced from the thickness of sedimentary rocks, and July from the amount of sodium in the ocean, found ages for the earth varying from 20 to 110 million years, the age as determined by the amount of lead in radioactive minerals in which lead is an end product gave an age of 1,000 to 1,500 million years. The discussion revealed great divergence in the views of geologists and physicists.

## To-day's Advertisements

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IT is "lucky" notified that SEALED TENDERS is duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Lease of part of Q d Supreme Court Building," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon on WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of November, 1915, for the lease of certain premises on the Grand Floor and in the Basement of the Old Supreme Court Building from 1st December, 1915, to 31 December, 1921, subject to certain conditions which can be obtained at the Office of the Director of Public Works. Each Tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the above-mentioned conditions, should the tender be accepted. Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the Office of the Director of Public Works. The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

W. CHATHAM.

Director of Public Works. Public Works Office, Hongkong, Nov. 2, 1915. 944

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SHANGHAI, MOU, KORE, NAMUR	Capt. A. COLLYER	Nov. 3, at 4 p.m.	Freight and Passage
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S.S. "HAWAII MARU"	Capt. Saito	Monday, 15th Nov., at 3 p.m.
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For TAMSUI AND KEELUNG via SWATOW AND AMOY.

S.S. "KAJO MARU"	Capt. Murakami	Sunday, 7th Nov., at Noon.
S.S. "DAIUN MARU"	Capt. S. Saito	Sunday, 7th Nov., at Noon.

For ANPING AND TAKOW via SWATOW AND AMOY.

S.S. "SOHEI MARU"	Capt. A. Kobayashi	Wednesday, 10th Nov., at 8 a.m.
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## FOR HAIPHONG via HOIHOW

S.S. "KEIJO MARU"	Capt. Inagaki	Wednesday, 3rd Nov., at 10 a.m.
S.S. "DAIGO MARU"	Capt. K. Kishida	Wednesday, 3rd Nov., at 10 a.m.

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EASTERN	14th November	4th Nov., at 11 a.m.
ALBANY	22nd November	22nd Nov., at 11 a.m.
ST. ALBANS	29th November	14th Dec., at 11 a.m.
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S.S. BIOJUN MARU	For Moji, Kobe & Yokohama	On 20th Nov.
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S.S. KOKUTO MARU	For Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya, Macassar & Balikpapan	On 24th Nov.
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S.S. NANI MARU	For Moji, Kobe & Yokohama	On 17th Dec.
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## CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

## SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA, CEBU, & ILOILO	TANING	Nov. 3, at 4 p.m.
HOIHOW, PARKHOI & HAIPHONG	SHANGHAI	Nov. 4, at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Nov. 4, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Nov. 7, Daylight
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	CHIEVA	Nov. 9, at 4 p.m.
WEIHAWEI & TIENTSIN	HUICHOW	Nov. 13, at Noon.

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SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	FRIDAY, Nov. 5, Daylight
TIENTSIN via WEIHAWEI	CHONGSHING	SATURDAY, Nov. 6, Daylight
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	NAMSANG	SATURDAY, Nov. 6, at 3 p.m.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	SATURDAY, Nov. 6, at 5 p.m.
SHANGHAI	WINGSANG	TUESDAY, Nov. 9, Daylight
SINGAPORE & SOURABAYA	FOOSANG	TUESDAY, Nov. 9, at 3 p.m.
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